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Mr. William F. Caton
Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW, Room 222
Washington, DC 20554

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RE: PR Docket 93-61, Automatic Vehicle Monitoring Systems

Dear Mr. Caton:

On Wednesday, August 3, 1994, John Lister, Peter Knight and I, on behalf of AirTouch Teletrac, met with Chairman Reed Hundt and Ruth Milkman, Senior Legal Advisor to Chairman Hundt. We discussed the information in the attached material. Please associate this material with the above-referenced proceeding.

Two copies of this notice were submitted to the Secretary of the FCC in accordance with Section 1.1206(a)(1) of the Commission's Rules.

Please stamp and return the provided copy to confirm your receipt. Please contact me at 202-293-4960 should you have any questions or require additional information concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Q. Abernathy

Attachments

cc: Chairman Hundt
Ruth Milkman

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July 31, 1994

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Commissioner: Andrew C. Barrett
Commissioner: Rachelle Chong
Commissioner: Susan Ness
Commissioner: James H. Quello

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Dear Chairman Hundt and Commissioners Barrett, Chong, Ness and Quello

Transport Express, Inc. is a harbor trucking company, U.S. Customs bonded warehouse and Customs container freight station. Our company services the seaport of Los Angeles, Long Beach and the Los Angeles International airport with a fleet of 60 tractors. Transport Express is a constant user of AirTouch Teletrac, 7 days a week / 24 hours a day / 365 days a year.

Transport Express fully supports and recommends the protection of AirTouch's frequency and expanded scope of operation.

Transport Express takes pride in servicing the International Trade Community of Southern California since 1977. Over the past seventeen years we have developed a network for the handling of import and export cargo for transportation, warehousing and distribution. Transport Express's clients includes fortune 500 companies and large well known Japanese consumer electronics companies.

Our clients import containers of consumer goods, electronic goods, textiles, footwear, machinery, cars, medical supplies, auto parts and furniture. The ocean container can contain finished goods or material for production. One ocean container can have a value of \$1 million dollars!

Authorities state that the Los Angeles area is a hijacker's paradise...because the pickings are plentiful. More cargo moves through the Los Angeles and Long Beach harbors than anywhere in the nation, an estimated \$83 billion worth each year.

A June 23, 1994 article in the Journal of Commerce, sights statistics from Cargo CATS, (a permanent multi-enforcement agency located in Rancho Dominguez, Ca.,) that of the 675 cargo losses reported in 1993, 540 were thefts and 135 were robbery or hijacking.

A February 5, 1994 article in the Los Angeles Times stated that truck hijacking have reached an epidemic proportion in Southern California. Sheriff's Sgt, Dewayne Shackelford of Cargo CATS states, "Southern California is really the cargo theft capital of the world...there are so many, we can't keep track. There are weekends when we come back to work and get reports that we have had 20 trailers stolen." Cargo CATS estimates that thieves in Southern California are raking in more than \$1 million in merchandise every night - half a billion dollars annually - by commandeering trucks at gunpoint, steeling them off streets and from storage yards. Police also say that cargo thefts are becoming increasingly violent.

As the number of shipping containers and trailers that are lost to robberies and thefts spiral upwards importers and exporters in the Los Angeles / Long Beach seaport become increasingly uneasy. **My clients are extremely worried about container hijackings.** Many have discussed moving their cargo via Oakland to bypass the problems in Los Angeles.

Transport Express has a strong corporate commitment to cargo security. We have invested in Teletrac to enhance our security measures. **Due to the fact that Los Angeles area continues to be a leader in cargo hijacking, we viewed Teletrac as a must to protect our business, drivers and clients.** We have more than recovered our investment.

Los Angeles has a proximity of 2 1/2 hours to the Mexican boarder. Authorities indicate that a large portion of the stolen goods are destined for the boarder. The recovery time is critical. Some authorities estimate that if you do not recover cargo within the first 2 hours it was reported missing the odds are slim that the cargo will be recovered. AirTouch gives us the extra edge needed to notify law enforcement and recover our equipment and cargo. **It is critical we have instant communication with our drivers and the authorities in a panic situation. Any delay could cause harm to our drivers and prevent cargo recovery.**

The Teletrac system allows us to monitor our fleet at all times. We have the ability to view if a driver goes off the normal route, this is especially beneficial with high value cargo and proprietary cargo going to trade shows. We have the ability to respond immediately to a panic situation. Our driver's safety is also a key issue. Installing Teletrac in the trucks gives our driver's added protection. Additionally the driver could use the alert in case of a very serious truck accident.



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The utilization of Teletrac benefits Transport Express tremendously.

- * instant communication with our trucks
- * provide real-time accurate data to our clients
- * critical link for driver and cargo safety
- * improves driver and dispatch productivity
- * insurance company held our rates due to the implementation of this system
- * keeps our company viable in the market place

Transport Express views Teletrac as a integral part of our daily operations. This technology has revolutionized the harbor trucking industry and is key to our companies continued success. Some importers of high value cargo are starting to require their harbor trucking company to have a tracking system. I envision Teletrac becoming like the fax machine to a business...you can't operate without it!

Transport Express strongly urges the FCC to protect AirTouch's frequency and expand their operating scope. It is critical that we have instant communication with our drivers in a panic situation. Any slow down in AirTouch's response time could jeopardize our driver's personal safety and cargo security.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We appreciate the opportunity to submit this letter of support for AirTouch Teletrac.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Patty Senecal'.

Patty Senecal,
Vice President Sales
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